

October Meeting



The October meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association was one of the most heavily attended in the Association's history. FBA invited the District Department of Highways representatives to come discuss with all interested citizens the one-way traffic controversy involving 25th and 26th Streets.

The evening was lively and several proposals were offered by the Highway Department and from the floor. The outcome is that now 25th Street will be one-way from Snow's Court to K Street, and two-way from Eye Street to Snow's Court.

Most of the citizens involved in the controversy chose the forum offered by the Foggy Bottom Association to air their views. The FBA membership fee is only \$3.00 and for those who took advantage of our "open meeting" in October, we would be happy to have you join the Association. Strength is in numbers!

Proposed New Projects

The Board of the FBA will be taking up the following subjects for discussion at future meetings. We would like to hear from our members with any suggestions they might have:

Residential parking permits
Down zoning for the area

Playground on property presently occupied by Metro construction at 27th and Virginia Avenue.

Survey of intersections in the area to recommend better pedestrian protection through the use of four-way stop signs.

Cleanup for Foggy Bottom

Our neighborhood is looking shabby these days. At our next meeting sign up with me to have a walk thru cleanup. Bags will be furnished by FBA and we can get our streets cleaned up in time for the Christmas season.

—Margaret Culhane



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Cookie Tree at Les Champs

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The cookie tree is a Christmas tree that is decorated with approximately 200 cookies each about 8 inches tall colorfully depicting comic strip characters and other famous people. It is well known and famous. It has a grand history that dates back to 1948. In the words of its inventor and designer Louise La Gorce, the story goes like this:

"Everyone wants to know why and how I started making the cookie tree, which, with no push on my part, seemed to snowball. I was asked to show it.

To quote from my other book, 'There has to be a beginning to everything'. Each year, as my two children became a little older they wished for more and more trimmings on their tree. Elizabeth, (now the mother of 3) was the one who never seemed to be content with the number of tree lights. We had every kind, except neons. So in 1948 when she came home from high school and said, 'But Moooooother!...' I said,

"That does it—I have had it! Next year there isn't going to be a thing on your tree but what I make!"

I began to think of my own childhood Christmas Tree my Pennsylvania Dutch mother had made. Everything was made by her. There was nothing "store boughten". This was going to solve my problem, I decided.

A cookie recipe of hers seemed to have a possibility, and I experimented with it. Patterns were needed; I looked through coloring books. There was a small train engine so simply outlined that I decided to try that one.

John Oliver, my then 13 year old son, was watching me and said, "Mother, take a hairpin and put in in the smokestack with wads of cotton on it for puffs of smoke." I said, "Oh, John, that will burn". But I did, and it did NOT burn.

That was the **real beginning** when I realized materials could be baked without burning. Fur, Hair, Lace, Materials, etc.

The way I make them now is far removed from the first tree. The system shows progress in action, even in cookies! I learned through the years what gives the best results.

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Monday, November 25 at 8
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Why Parliamentary Procedure

Traffic Enforcement

Deputy Chief of Police Wissman from the District of Columbia Headquarters—Traffic Division and Commanding Officer Miller from the Second District (Foggy Bottom district) will be attending the next Foggy Bottom Association

meeting on Monday, November 25 at 8 pm to answer any questions residents may have about traffic enforcement in the neighborhood. Afterwards, Ms. Anne Rossmeier will speak on consumer affairs.

Not many people realize that it is to THEIR benefit to know and to enjoy knowledge of parliamentary procedure, that it can make or break a meeting or convention, or that with proper usage it can speed up action, that it gives each member an equal opportunity to express his or her opinion.

Though many of our parliamentary forms may be traced back to the early Greeks and Romans, it was the English Parliament who first set down an adequate code of rules, hence the name Parliamentary Law. The English code was the basis for the rules drawn up by Thomas Jefferson for the United States Congress. In 1876 came Robert's *Rules of Order*, which was an adaptation of Jefferson's rules for the use of deliberative groups in general. Robert's *Rules of Order, Revised* is still the accepted authority in almost 95% of most organizations today, but now the NEWLY REVISED Robert's is being adopted by the National Association of Parliamentarians.

Do YOU know the four underlying principles of which all the rules are based? One, Courtesy and Justice; two, The Rights of the Minority; three, The Will of the Majority, and four, ONE THING AT A TIME! Did you know that NO motion is in order that conflicts with the laws of the land, or with the organization's BYLAWS? And that such a motion is null and void even if adopted by a unanimous vote?

Did you know that the "common consent" use can greatly expedite business? All the chairman or president or presiding officer need say is, "if there is no objection, we will....." and if there is common consent, if no one objects, the result is the same as though a motion were made and received a unanimous vote! Did you know that if a committee report is for information only, no action is needed? Did you know that the president or chairman is ALWAYS in charge of the meeting? No meeting is "turned over" to anyone else, someone may present a program, but the president is always in charge of the meeting and responsible for maintaining order.

Knowledge or misuse of knowledge on motions is the bane of many a chairman or presiding officer. "I so move" is not a proper motion. Most motions need a majority vote to adopt, that is, more than half the votes cast. Did you know a member may not *talk against* his own motion, but he or she may vote against it? The subject of motions, main and secondary, divided into three classes, subsidiary, privileged and incidental, all sounds so very complicated, but in truth fall into place once one realizes that it is truly common sense codified. The most used motions I call the "Lucky Thirteen." Another time perhaps I can tell you more about "notions about motions."

About reports, how much can be said in a 3-minute report? Talking slowly, the average is 450 words, talking a "blue streak" about 750 words! By way of comparison, Lincoln used 267 words in his "Gettysburg Address." A lot can be said in a short time if the report is carefully thought out and frilly superlatives avoided. A simple statement of fact is most impressive. Reports should be written in the third person, using the editorial "we" as though taking of someone else. Reports are NEVER "Respectively Submitted."

Committees are the life blood of organizations. The work of a committee, unless it be very large, is conducted informally. In committee there is no limit in debate, each member speaking as often and as long as he wishes. (In regular session, a member should not ask to speak a second time until everyone else has had the same chance to speak to the question). The chairman of the committee has the same right of discussion and vote as the other members.

A Board is a committee of the organization empowered by the Bylaws to carry on the business of the organization between meetings of the members. Minutes of a Board belong to that Board and are never read to any other group. A resume of Board action is reported. When attendance is obligatory, the names of those who are present should be part of the minutes.

A Parliamentarian never makes rulings. He or she gives an opinion, but the ruling must be made by the Chair. If the members do not agree with the ruling, there may be an appeal from the Decision of the Chair by two members—one to make the appeal and one to second it. APPEAL is a very interesting motion and not used as often as it should be. Some members feel it would hurt the feelings of the chairman, but on the contrary, it gives the Chair a right to explain his or her reasons for the decision made!

Parliamentary Law and Parliamentary procedures, the use of the law, are truly very fascinating studies, and should be part of the curricula of living!

by Mae Rapport, CPS
Parliamentarian



Send in Your Traffic Problems

Foggy Bottom News would like to hear from local residents about any traffic problems and/or solutions. If we know what they are, maybe something can be done about them. Write to: Editor, Foggy Bottom News, c/o West End Library, 24th & L Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037.

Attention

BICYCLISTS

Bicyclists now can legally ride in the far right-hand lane reserved for buses as a result of a traffic regulation change by the Department of Highway and Traffic. Prominent signs have been posted on Benning Road to signal the change. Hopefully, such signs also will soon be placed on other bus-lane streets. WABA is gratified that the department has finally responded to bicyclists' complaints. Rich Gould was the cyclist who led the fight. Now bicyclists can use bus lanes in both the District and Virginia.

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Fire Safety for Apartment Residents

1. Make sure that you, members of your family and the babysitter know how to call the Fire Department in case of an emergency.

Familiarize the entire family with stair exits since elevators may not be operating during a fire. Elevators may also be required for operation of the Fire Department, requiring tenants to use stair exits.

2. Careless smokers are responsible for a major number of fire deaths each year. DON'T smoke in bed or in a reclining position. DON'T use dainty ashtrays. Ashtrays should be large and stable. DON'T empty ashtrays before retiring. It may set your waste can on fire.

3. Follow the instructions when using the incinerator. Packages which are too large may clog the chute, creating a severe smoke hazard. DO NOT LEAVE trash in the incinerator room. All trash must be placed in the chute.

4. DON'T place rubberized material or foam rubber objects in clothes dryers.

5. DON'T put paint, gasoline or other flammable and highly combustible products in storage areas.

6. Comply with parking regulations. An improperly parked vehicle can prevent emergency apparatus from reaching its assigned position.

7. Make your family fire conscious and remind them to respect the lives of others who live in your building.

If the fire is in your apartment—

1. Get everyone out of your unit. Close the door behind you. This will prevent heat and smoke from getting into the hall. If possible leave your door unlooked in order that firemen may gain entry without damaging the door.

2. **Sound the building fire alarm system. REMEMBER this is an internal alarm and does not notify the Fire Department.**

3. Call the Fire Department, 911. Explain where the fire is, what is burning and any other information that might be of value to the firemen. Also give the dispatcher your name and telephone number you are calling from. (Note: All fires MUST be reported to the Fire Department even if they appear to be out.)

4. Never attempt to extinguish other than small fires with an extinguisher. If you do use an extinguisher don't let the fire get between you and the way out.

If you hear the alarm bells or smell smoke—

1. Call the Fire Department. Don't take it for granted that someone else has called.

2. Don't open the door without first feeling it with the palm of your hand near the top. If it is warm do not attempt to open it. If the door is not heated, brace yourself against it standing behind and to one side of the door. Turn your face away from the

opening and open slightly. If smoke or gas puff through, or there is pressure on the other side, close the door quickly. Superheated air can kill almost instantly. Smoke is often lethal. If ever caught in smoke keep low where air is better.

3. If the hall is clear then proceed to the nearest exit and stay clear of the entry so that firemen may enter.

4. If you cannot get into the hall DON'T PANIC. Your department has equipment and personnel to handle any emergency. Go to a room with an outside window, get as many closed doors between you and the fire as possible. Open window at top and bottom for air and ventilation. If you need assistance hang a white object such as a sheet out of the window to attract attention. Wait for rescue help to arrive. Don't panic or jump.

5. During minor fires firemen may request that you stay in your apartment rather than evacuate the building. If such a request is made, please stay inside with the door closed. Opening the door may result in smoke damage to your apartment.

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Pop Top Ban

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The guide ordinance was developed by a special COG committee, headed by Loudoun County Supervisor James F. Brownell. Adoption of the ordinance was recommended by the COG Board of Directors, COG's Health and Environmental Protection Policy Committee and its Citizen Advisory Committee after an exchange of views with retailers, distributors and bottlers as well as those representing public and environmental groups throughout the area.

Similar laws are in effect in the states of Vermont and Oregon and locally in Bowie and Loudoun County where they are being tested in the courts.

The law requires marking all beverage containers with "W.M.A.," Washington Metropolitan Area, so containers can be redeemed in any area city or county adopting the ordinance.

After the law is enacted in each jurisdiction, it will take several months before it goes into effect. The delay is designed to give retailers time to deplete their stock on hand and bottlers time to print new labels and purchase new equipment where needed.

The regional effort could result in reduced litter as well as a reduction in the burden on the area's solid waste disposal facilities.

From: Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Region Report, Sept.-Oct. 1974

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- Capitol Hill News Service?
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- Congress Watch?
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- Environmental Action Foundation?
- Natural Resources Defense Council?
- Public Interest Economic Center?

Interview the staff. Write reports on projects, past and present. What are their plans for the future?

Compile information on the various sources of funding and support.

Research the size, locality and support base for their regional affiliates.

How can the degree of impact the group and/or project has had on local, state, or Federal legislation be measured?

Help us develop consumer guidelines for visitors to Washington, D.C.

Research such vital topics as emergency health care, child care on an hourly, daily, or weekly basis, transportation in and around Washington, D.C., and all aspects of necessary facilities for visitors.

Trace specific legislation of vital concern to consumers.

- Research specific consumer-oriented legislation from initial committee hearings through signing of law.
- How have public interest lobbyists and/or industrial lobbyists affected particular consumer legislation?
- What determining factors have influenced or prolonged a specific legislative process? How have local, regional or national priorities taken precedence over this important consumer issue?
- How have concerned citizens acting individually affected specific national legislation?
- How can concerned citizens influence legislation more effectively in the future?

This article contains only a few suggestions of the types of projects PCVC would like to have researched and made available to visitors.

Please let us know your ideas on how you can help.

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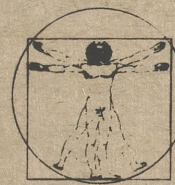
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Cookie Tree

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The first tree fell over after 2 days; all was destroyed under 3 gallons of water. It gave me something to write about in my National Geographic Magazine story anyway, which was printed in the December, 1955, issue.

Whether it was symbolic or not, the night I put the tree up in the Hall of Explorers in the new National Geographic building the first time, it fell over too! I had started trimming it at 5 P.M. and at 8 P.M. it was on the floor. The 10 foot artificial tree. I had revolved it to show someone; the way it was set up, the base of the tree not supported deeply enough, it was top-heavy.

An angel arrived in the form of William (Bill) Garrett, an Assistant Editor, with a friend, who saw my plight and rescued me. It took them several hours to build a suitable base to hold the weight and anchor it down. This is why the new structure was built for the use of the tree when it was shown there. It was elevated for an overall height of 13 feet, branches reinforced, and a special motor assembled to turn weight of 500 pounds and more. The tree, and its conduct, is as important as the cookies. It takes me 10 to 12 hours, door to door, to trim a tree that size with objects like mine.

The second tree was filled with much better characters, and I was beginning to learn what was good and what was bad. For example I didn't put the ribbon or thin string that I used at that time down far enough into their bodies and it would slip out.

Many children came to our house the third year, and after that they came in groups—Brownies, Scouts, friends of friends, just any old way. One year the tree was up 5 weeks; people kept telephoning that they wanted to come see it tomorrow — tomorrow — tomorrow. Each day my children came home from school they were amused to find it still up. Then the time came when the house was empty without it. It had been so alive.

In December, 1957, my garden club, Hoe N' Hope, asked me to show it in the Greens Show at Corcoran Art Gallery. It was so old-fashioned it stole the hearts of everyone. That was the beginning. I was invited to exhibit it again and again for the Show. The friends at the Mayflower Hotel asked me to erect it in their lobby Christmas week of 1958. This was a 16-foot-tall live tree with 200 characters. I put it up for them for 3 more years after that, out of friendship. It was fun to watch the expression on people's faces as they walked by and couldn't believe their eyes. No matter how unhappy some looked, not one failed to smile when

they saw the fun characters. And the people who really loved it and appreciated it and said that it made them homesick were those from foreign lands.

The real purpose of this tree was to leave something of me for my children and grandchildren to remember me by. My son and daughter now have their own families and trees of different sorts, but there is one granddaughter, 9-year-old Elizabeth, who has been watching me and eating of the uncooked cookie dough since she was 2-years old, who will carry on, I know.

The tree has been exhibited in various town in the central, eastern and northeastern parts of the country as when I showed it for the Cardiac Children in Boston, and for a hospital and museum in Michigan; also shown 3 weeks for Westinghouse in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Baltimore. For my travelling purposes I used a 7-foot artificial tree, that I could take apart and put together again. This was put into a revolving stand. I made new characters each time so as to have new faces and to replace those I had broken.

The cookies have also been shown on television frequently and spoken about on radio. They have been exhibited innumerable times in Washington at St. Ann's Orphanage, Salvation Army Teas, the

House of Good Shepherd, Mayflower Hotel 4 years, the Green Shows at Corcoran Art Gallery and Botannical Gardens 5 years, the Washington Newspaper Womens' Club, several places for Senior Citizens, an Army Post, Homemakers Clubs, Schools, etc., and for the past 6 years in the Hall of Explorers of the National Geographic Society. All of this since 1957. These cookies get around and I have a feeling that when the Christmas Season gets near, they start kicking their feet and saying, "Let's go!"

At the National Geographic, during the 5 weeks of the Christmas Season of 1967, I stood by the tree every day answering questions and explaining. School children were there by the thousands. The Walt Disney exhibit from the Canadian Expo was in the Hall of Explorers and 70,000 people were clocked visiting the exhibits.

It was my experience that the children are proud to recognize the characters from TV shows, Mother Goose, the Fairy Tales, Peter Pan, Mr. Disney's family, etc. Adults like and appreciate the comic strip ones. I think the best for fun are Rosemary's patterns copied and enlarged from the comic strips, including ALL our favorites from Snoopy to Andy Capp in London, Snuffy Smith and his friends. My most



artistic ones are duplicates of color pictures in the Geographic Magazine. The latest good ones, drawn by Rosemary, are the Moon ships, including Snoopy on his way to the moon, waving the American flag, and also the Astronauts."

The picture shown here is the fourteen foot cookie tree that was many years ago at the National Geographic Society. The ceilings at the Les Champs unfortunately only 8½ feet high and a smaller tree is used....but still big enough for all to enjoy.

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Against the Surtax

President Ford's proposed 5% surtax adds insult to injury, The Committee of Single Taxpayers has recently charged.

Speaking for COST, Mrs. Patty Cavin, Volunteer Executive Director, said, "Once more the nation's over 40 million widows, widowers, and the unmarrieds are asked to pay a disproportionate share of the national burden."

A tax increase calculated on existing discriminating tax rates multiplies further the inequity under which single taxpayers already are assessed up to 20% more than their married counterparts," Mrs. Cavin said.

Mrs. Cavin pointed out the President's proposal is further discriminatory in that it applies to married taxpayers in the \$15,000-and-over bracket but to single taxpayers making \$7,500 or more.

"The Constitution gives the Congress the right to tax income but it does NOT give it the right to tax marital status," Mrs. Cavin continued, "and COST will urge every member of Congress to dismiss this inequity when the surcharge is debated." To date 163 members of the House and 36 members of the Senate have been persuaded to co-sponsor legislation to remove the tax discrimination.

COST (Committee of Single Taxpayers) was founded in 1971 by the Honorable Robert Keith Gray, Secretary of the Eisenhower Cabinet. It's Advisory Committee is co-chaired by former Senators Eugene McCarthy and George Murphy. COST is a nonprofit organization with members and chapters throughout the United States.

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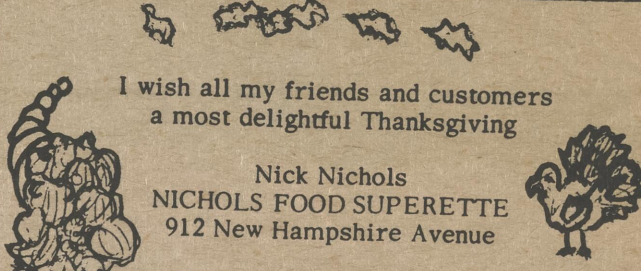
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It will begin with a GET-TOGETHER PARTY on Tuesday, December 3rd. Some plans have already been made

and will be demonstrated at the party, but your suggestions and participation are invited. It is open to those of the Foggy Bottom community. Representatives from the Foggy Bottom Association, the clergy in the area, the Community Mental Health Center, and St. Paul's parish form a steering committee to begin this work. Come to the get-acquainted party for fun and more information.